

October 7, 2010

**Public Notice for Water Quality Certification and/or Waste
Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects)**

Sonoma County Regional Parks
FEMA Bodega Bay Projects
WDID No. 1B09098WNSO

Sonoma County

On August 18, 2009, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Ms. Liz Ellis, of Green Valley Consulting Engineers on behalf of Sonoma County Regional Parks (applicant), requesting Federal Clean Water Act, section 401, water quality certification for proposed activities associated with the Sonoma County Regional Parks FEMA Bodega Bay Projects (project). The proposed project will cause disturbances to waters of the United States and waters of the State associated with the Bodega Bay hydrologic subarea no. 115.22, in the Bodega Hydrologic Unit No. 115.00.

The proposed project is located at three different sites within the Bodega Bay area. The sites include: Spud Point Marina, 1818 Westshore Road, latitude 38.327206°N, longitude 123.05663°W ; Porto Bodega/Bodega Bay Sport Fishing Center Marina, 1410 B Bay Flat Road, latitude 38.33314°N, longitude 123.0518°W ; Doran Beach, 201 Doran Beach Road, latitude 38.31062°N, longitude 123.05361°W .

The primary purpose of the proposed project is to repair storm damage due to extreme storm events during December 2005, and January, March and April 2006, which caused damage to beach protection and breakwater features at the project sites. Additionally, the project is needed to protect public resources and safety, reduce risk of future flood damage, and to limit and mitigate the impacts of erosion and further loss of public resources.

The project will replace missing rip-rap and embankment materials eroded by storm action. Rip-rap replacement will occur at all three sites and repair of a wooden breakwater will only occur at the Bodega Bay Sport Fishing Center. Work will be conducted from the bank to the extent possible, and contact with eelgrass beds or other sensitive areas will be avoided. Individual projects include:

- The Spud Point Marina site will receive three segments of rip-rap and backfill totaling 565 linear feet of riprap of 599 cubic yards.
- The Bodega Bay Sport Fishing Center will have three areas of repair, one being replacement of timber pilings and breakwater sea-wall, the other two being rip-rap and backfill replacement totaling 360 linear feet of riprap and 265 cubic yards.
- The Doran Beach site is at, and adjacent to, the boat ramp. Repairs include concrete repairs to the boat ramp and replacement of rip-rap to adjacent embankments. Total rip-rap and backfill area will be 450 linear feet and 680 cubic yards.

Compensatory mitigation for the project is not necessary because project is replacing former materials and impact will be of no greater extent. Additionally, best management practices and techniques will be used to avoid impacts to water quality.

The applicant has applied to the United States Army Corps of Engineers for authorization to perform the project pursuant to Clean Water Act section 404. The project does not require a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement from the California Department of Fish and Game. Applicant has applied to the California Coastal Commission for a Coastal development permit.

On May 5, 2009, the County of Sonoma approved a Mitigated Negative Declaration and filed a Notice of Determination (State Clearinghouse No. 2009032026) for the project in order to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act. The Regional Water Board has considered the environmental document and any proposed changes incorporated into the project or required as a condition of approval to avoid significant effects to the environment.

The information contained in this public notice is only a summary of the applicant's proposed activities. The application for Water Quality Certification in the Regional Water Board's file contains additional details about the proposed activities including maps and detailed design drawings. The application and Regional Water Board file are available for public review.

Regional Water Board staff are proposing to regulate this project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) and/or Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act authority. In addition, staff will consider all comments submitted in writing and received at this office by mail during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this letter and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. If you have any questions, please contact staff member Stephen Bargsten at (707) 576-2653 within 21 days of the posting of this notice.